

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-36 were pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 17, and 33 are independent. In the Office Action dated September 17, 2004, Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Claims 17-36 were allowed, and the specification was objected to. Following this response, Claims 1-36 remain in this application. Applicant hereby addresses the Examiner's objection and rejections in turn.

I. Objection to the Specification

In the Office Action dated September 15, 2004, the Examiner objected to the specification because various informalities. The specification has been amended, and Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment overcomes this objection and adds no new matter.

II. Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended and Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment overcomes this rejection and adds no new matter. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least in paragraph 84.

III. Allowance of Claims

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner pass Claims 17-36 to issue.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the Office Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that were not addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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